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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO: Region Engineers
Region Delivery Engineers
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Region Construction Engineers

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SUBJECT: Bureau of Highway Instructional Memorandum 2008-08
Clarification of FUSP 03SP504(C) Superpave Hot Mix Asphalt
Percent Within Limits (PWL) Intent

It has come to the department's attention that Section f.4.B of Frequently Used Special Provision (FUSP) 03SP504(C), with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approval dates of September 28, 2007 and October 17, 2007, is incorrect as written. The specification should read as follows:

f.4.B. Bulk Compacted Density, Gmb at Ndesign (MTM 315, AASHTO R35/T312)

It was the intent of the department that Bulk Compacted Density, Gmb, be compacted to Ndesign for both hot mix asphalt design and plant-produced material (mixture) quality assurance testing purposes. If issues arise with regard to the true intent of the specification, please refer to Section 104.06.F, which provides the engineer with authority to decide the true intent of a specification if uncertainty, inconsistency, omission or conflict is discovered.

FHWA concurs with the department's decision to issue this instructional memorandum as resolution of the discrepancy. Please put a copy of this instructional memorandum in the project and laboratory files for documentation and audit purposes for all projects that utilize these versions of FUSP 03SP504(C).

All applicable forms and supplemental documents have been updated to accommodate this change. Please contact Curtis Bleech, Construction and Technology Division, at 517-322-1237 if you have any questions.

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